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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. ACTIVITIES RELATING TO MAO'S DEATH (CONFIDENTIAL)

AMBASSADOR GATES ARRIVED BACK IN PEKING SEPTEMBER 12 IN TIME TO LEAD USLO PERSONNEL TO THE DIPLOMATIC MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR CHAIRMAN MAO ON SEPTEMBER 13. THE SCHLESINGER DELEGATION, WHOSE PROVINCIAL TOUR WAS FIRST CANCELED AFTER THE CHAIRMAN'S DEATH AND THEN REINSTATED, WILL WAIT OUT THE MOURNING PERIOD IN KWEILIN AND THEN VISIT CHENGTU, LHASA, URUMCHI, INING AND HU-HO-HAO-T'E BEFORE RETURNING TO PEKING FOR FURTHER HIGH LEVEL TALKS. THE SCHLESINGER PARTY WAS GROUPED WITH OTHER "FOREIGN FRIENDS" OF CHINA AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE CHAIRMAN, COMING JUST AFTER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRC'S CLOSEST FRATERNAL NATIONS.

THE SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIP WAS TACITLY REAFFIRMED IN
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THE FUNERAL MESSAGE TO THE CHINESE PEOPLE, WHICH STATED

THAT "WE MUST CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT CHAIRMAN MAO'S REVOLUTIONARY LINE." NCNA ALSO CARRIED THE FULL TEXTS OF PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE TO PREMIER HUA AND OF THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT AND MR. NIXON. IT ALSO

REPORTED THAT THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER SENT WREATHS, AND NOTED THAT BOTH BRENT SCOWCROFT, "REPRESENTING U.S. PRESIDENT GERALD R. FORD," AND THE SECRETARY WENT TO PRCLO TO EXPRESS CONDOLENCES.

3. VOLLEYBALL PROBLEMS (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE VISIT OF THE PRC VOLLEYBALL TEAM (WHICH HAS A SCHEDULING OVERLAP WITH THE ROC CHAMBER MUSIC ORCHESTRA IN THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA OCTOBER 9) IS ALSO CREATING OTHER POLITICAL PROBLEMS. LAST SUMMER A ROC TEAM PARTICIPATED IN A VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT IN HONOLULU. PRCLO, IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS, HAS ACCUSED THE US VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION OF ADOPTING A "TWO-CHINAS" APPROACH TOWARD THIS TOURNAMENT, APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE PRESIDENT OF THE US ASSOCIATION WROTE A LETTER STATING THAT HE CONSIDERED VOLLEYBALL A SPORT OUTSIDE OF POLITICS AND THAT EVERYONE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ARGUED IN RESPONSE THAT THE US ASSOCIATION WAS MERELY A PARTICIPANT AND NOT THE ORGANIZER OF THE TOURNAMENT IN QUESTION. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, PRCLO HAS ASKED THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO INCLUDE PROVOCATIVE PROPAGANDA IN THE PROGRAMS FOR THE VOLLEYBALL TEAM'S PERFORMANCES IN THE US, SUCH AS REFERENCES TO THE DISMAL STATE OF CHINESE VOLLEYBALL UNDER "REACTIONARY KMT RULE." THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS DELETED SUCH PHRASES FROM THE PROGRAM, WHICH PRCLO HAS REPORTEDLY SENT TO PEKING FOR REVIEW.

5. AMERICAN EXPRESS GETS THE BUM'S RUSH (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AMERICAN EXPRESS HAS BEEN TOLD BY THE BANK OF CHINA THAT THE TWO "NO LONGER HAVE A BANKING RELATIONSHIP" AND THAT AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELLER'S CHECKS WILL NO LONGER BE CONFIDENTIAL

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CASHED IN CHINA. THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN IN RETALIATION FOR THE BANK'S PROMINENT PARTICIPATION IN THE US/ROC ECONOMIC COUNCIL; AMERICAN EXPRESS NOW JOINS FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK ON THE PRC'S BLACKLIST FOR TRAVELLER'S CHECKS. RICHARD BLISS, THE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION IS SEEING YOU (AND OTHERS) SEPTEMBER 17 TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM.

7. CULTURAL EXCHANGES (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE US GYMNAST TEAM AND THE US STEROID CHEMISTRY DELEGATION HAVE BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY BECAUSE OF MAO'S DEATH. BOTH GROUPS ARE NOW ATTEMPTING TO RE-SCHEDULE THEIR VISITS, WITH THE CHEMISTS HOPING TO GO TO CHINA IN MID-OCTOBER. THE GYMNASTS ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER THEY CAN GATHER THE TEAM TOGETHER AGAIN. MEANWHILE, THE TWO PRC DELEGATIONS TOURING THE US (AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES) ARE CONTINUING THEIR PROGRAMS AS USUAL. THE CHINESE PAINTING DELEGATION STILL ASSUMES THAT IT WILL BEGIN ITS VISIT TO THE PRC SEPTEMBER 28 AS SCHEDULED.

8. CODEL MANSFIELD (UNCLASSIFIED)

SENATOR AND MRS. MANSFIELD, SENATOR AND MRS. GLENN, AND STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING VIC DIKEOS OF A/SY, WILL DEPART WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 17 AND ARRIVE IN SHANGHAI THE 21ST. THEY PLAN TO BE IN CHINA UNTIL OCTOBER 12.

9. PRC ESSENTIAL OILS DELEGATION (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR US-CHINA TRADE (NCUSCT) HAS REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE COMPANIES BEING VISITED BY THE PRC ESSENTIAL OILS DELEGATION TO SERVE AS THE DELEGATION'S HOST. NCUSCT IS ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH THE PRECEDENT OF BEING DESIGNATED COORDINATOR FOR PRC TRADE DELEGATIONS, SUCH AS THE ESSENTIAL OILS DELEGATION, VISITING MORE THAN ONE FIRM. WE SUPPORT NCUSCT'S EFFORT, AND ARE HOLDING UP VISAS FOR THE ESSENTIAL OILS DELEGATION UNTIL PRCLO AND THE NCUSCT WORK OUT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS ON THE DELEGATION'S US TRAVELS.

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OTHER ITEMS COVERED:

2. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS IN THE POST-MAO ERA (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. SPECIAL NCNA CORRESPONDENT TO COVER UNGA (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. EFFORT TO HEAD OFF HEARING IN HONG KONG (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

10. WATCHING THE CHINA WATCHERS (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)
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